

## FLASHES FROM OLD WORLD

CONFLICT BETWEEN U. S. AND JAPAN  
SURE TO COME, SAYS ITALIAN SOLO

Points Out Several Questions Over Which Nippon Could  
Raise Issue, and Criticizes Present Naval Policy  
of Congress as Fatal.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Rome, July 19.—Prof. F. di Palma, editor of the *Nautica* Review, a deputy in the Italian Parliament and Italy's foremost naval expert, in an interview here gave it as his opinion that the American-Japan conflict is bound to come as soon as Japan thinks she is ready to assume a political protectorate over the yellow race and gain control of the Pacific in the interest of her fast-growing population, which is continually seeking rich land and remunerative markets.

He pointed out that the hopes of the American "pacifists" are certain to be shattered, and that the present naval program of the United States is a fatal mistake, especially in view of the new obligations which the opening of the Panama Canal imposes on North America.

**Japan Building Steadily.**  
"Japan is building more ships," Prof. di Palma said. "What makes this ominous is that Japan builds quietly and steadily."

"We cannot refrain from asking ourselves why Japan wants a navy so disproportionate to her present resources, and to what use she is aiming to put it."

"We used to say that sometimes a nation prepares for war only for the purpose of securing peace, but this always presupposes a foe. And who is Japan's foe, now that Russian revenge is out of the question?"

"A sincere wish to keep the peace is not alone sufficient to insure it. This desire, if carried to the absurd length of refraining from providing the country with its only means of defense, an army and navy, can only lead to national disaster and humiliation."

**Peril in Hawaiian Question.**

"In America's case, pacifists must never forget that besides the immigration question there are others which one day

Japan will proceed to settle. When the United States annexed Hawaii there was a protest quietly lodged with your State Department, according to which Japan would solve the annexation, and what is more pointed, declared she would never recognize it."

"No other nation sided with Lillokulan, she destroyed him, but Japan did it in the only way it was possible for her to do it—by protesting. She was thus preparing for the struggle with Russia."

"To my knowledge, that protest has never been withdrawn, and one day your State Department will be reminded of it, as well as of others of more recent date."

"Do not ask me when. Some time ago the impression prevailed that the day would come when the opening of the Panama Canal, but today, after the adoption by your Congress of the present naval program calling for building only two ships per year, Japan knows she can wait."

**Fleets Four Years Hence.**  
"Four years hence your splendid up-to-date fleet will be inferior even in the matter of fighting units to that which Japan will possess, and then even the advantage of moving your Atlantic squadron to the Pacific in a short time will be of little help to you."

"You are losing precious time. Battleships are rapidly; a single new device for protection or offense might render a ship obsolete."

"Besides, no nation ever prepared for war in a year or two. Military efficiency is the result of long work extending over many years. Every European nation has learned that."

Several well-informed Italian papers, in discussing the recent controversy between Japan and the United States, have expressed the fear that Japan may one day solve the canal question for Europe by forcing the United States to internationalize the waterway.

**BANK RUN BY WOMEN**

PROVES BIG SUCCESS

London Institution Needs Larger Quarters After Year's Business—Reasons for Popularity.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
London, July 19.—The possibilities of work in a bank as a career for women have been demonstrated by Farrow's Bank for Women, which was inaugurated a couple of years ago, and which, after being managed entirely by women, has proved so successful that it has been transferred to new and enlarged premises in the very heart of the West End.

"Our success is largely due to the hearty support we have received from women," said Mrs. Kate Kelly, the manageress.

"The eagerness with which women of all classes and from all parts of the Empire took up the idea of the institution devoted entirely to their needs was in itself a proof that Farrow's novel departure was fulfilling a long-felt want."

"The business transacted here is exactly the same as that transacted by any other joint stock bank, and the fact that all our staff consists of women is good evidence that one sex is not more gifted than the other in accuracy and a head for figures."

"A feature of our establishment here is a ladies' room for our clients, where they can meet their friends and write letters."

**HOSTESS AT MUSICALES.**

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, July 19.—Among the most brilliant affairs in Paris during the past few weeks are the musicales which have been given by Mrs. John Mackay. Ever since the death of her husband, who was the famous California Bonanza king, Mrs. Mackay has made her home here. She took naturally to French ways and manners and the French people have come to admire her greatly for her simple, unaffected ways and alert mind.

She is now visiting her son, Clarence Mackay, whose rather abrupt departure from New York with his children has renewed talk of a separation between him and his wife, who was Catherine Buel, the accomplished daughter of an old New York family.

It is common talk here that the elder Mrs. Mackay will try to effect a reconciliation between her son and daughter-in-law, of whom she is said to be very fond. The Mackay children also are very dear to their grandmother, and on their account, it is said, she will urge upon her son the desirability of establishing domestic peace in his household.

**BOW AND ARROW RECORD.**

Frenchman Makes Longest Shot Since 1794.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Paris, July 19.—The longest shot with bow and arrow since 1794 was made recently when Mr. Ingo Simon, a member of the Royal Toxophilite Society, shot an arrow 430 yards and 8 inches at the annual archery meeting at Le Touquet. His next best shot was two yards shorter. The distance was measured by a qualified surveyor.

Mr. Simon used two Turkish bows, made of buffalo horn and of yew, pulling 80 pounds and 60 pounds. Both bows were over 200 years old. The longest distance with a new bow was 226 yards and 1 foot.

**Shock of Gun Kill Birds.**

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
London, July 19.—Many hundreds of dead sea birds, principally gulls and puffins, have been washed up by the Argyleshire shore after the westerly winds of the past four weeks.

"The birds were killed by the concussion of the warships big gun fire during shooting practice near Colonsay."

**MEMBER IN KHAKI**

SHOCKS COMMONS

Labor Representative Appears in Chamber Clad in Summer Apparel and Members Stare in Horror.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
London, July 19.—John Hodge, a labor member in the House of Commons, and one of the largest men in that body, appeared in the House the other day wearing a light khaki suit, pongee shirt with a gilly collar, green tie, a soft brown straw hat, and a red rose in his button-hole. The traditional convention with which the House observed the rules of etiquette in dress received a shock when Hodge appeared in his summer garb. Heretofore he had always worn the gloomiest of silk hats and correct morning coat.

John Burns is the only other member of the House who has the audacity to flout the unwritten law of dress. Burns persistently appears in a blue double-breasted serge suit.

**GOLD CARDS AS INVITATIONS**

TO MOSCOW MILLIONAIRE'S

GOLDEN WEDDING FEAST

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

St. Petersburg, July 19.—M. Spiridov, a Moscow millionaire, is about to celebrate his golden wedding, and 200 guests have been invited. Each of them received the other day a card of invitation made of pure gold.

As each card weighs twenty grammes, which is rather less than three-quarters of an ounce, avoirdupois, the total amount of gold used is about nine pounds. The metal was transformed into these unique invitations, on which the invitation was worked in enamel, by a Moscow goldsmith. Each invitation card is valued at about \$33.

**38,200 OWN LONDON.**

City's Area 116 Square Miles; Population 4,522,000.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, July 19.—Figures submitted yesterday to the county council show that London is owned by 38,200 persons. Its area is 116 square miles, and its population (in 1911), 4,522,000.

Among the latest owners of real estate are the following: Lord Northbrook and Dulwich College own 120 acres each.

Lord St. Germain, H. W. Forster, H. T. B. Barker, and Spencer Mayson-Wilson own 90 acres each.

Duke of Westminster owns 400 acres.

Lord Dartmouth, Prudential Assurance Company, Mercers' Company, and Magdalen College, Oxford, own 230 acres each.

**BARS CONFETTI AT WEDDINGS.**

Pastor Demands Collateral Not to Throw It in Church.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, July 19.—The vicar of Holy Trinity, Reading, the Rev. H. Elton Lory, states that those who are found in possession of confetti at weddings in that church will be refused admission.

One of the speaker's neighbors pour him out a cup, and keeps it replenished. There is a buffet in the outer lobby where deputes are supplied gratuitously with beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea, and mineral water, and in hot weather this is well patronized. As, however, the value of the drinks consumed last year by the 200 deputes was barely \$1,000 (of which \$200 went for mineral water) they cannot be accused of excessive drinking.

Parliamentary representatives in Italy receive no pay. Free drinks and free railway travel are the only privileges they enjoy.

**Fair Gamblers Jump Well.**

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Rome, July 19.—When the police raided a suspected gambling den patronized by society folk, they found no one in the house after the doors had been broken down, but about forty men and women in evening clothes were seen in hasty flight in the garden.

The gamblers scaled the garden wall and escaped into the grounds of the Sacred Heart Convent. Most of the fugitives made their way to the street, but a dozen of the ladies, it is said, remained in hiding in the garden of the convent throughout the night, departing quietly the next morning.

**RIOT AT GRADUATION.**

Glasgow University Students Squirt Siphons to Show Displeasure.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, July 19.—Lively scenes marked the summer graduation ceremony at Glasgow University when the honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred, among others, on Sir Robert Chalmers, permanent secretary to the treasury and Governor-Designate of Ceylon.

Principal Sir Donald Macalister, who presided, was accompanied by Lord Provost Stevenson, whose recent attitude toward Lord Roberts' campaign caused some feeling among the students. When the civic chief appeared he was greeted with stentorian cries of "Put out the Lord Provost."

Several professors left the platform and mixed among the undergraduates to restore order, but the students armed themselves with soda-water siphons and squirted the contents about. The capping ceremony was carried out practically in dumb show.

**PETRIFIED MAN AUCTIONED OFF**

Grotesque Patagonian Relic Sold Under Hammer in Paris.

Paris, July 19.—A petrified man was sold by auction in Paris recently. The man lived some thousands of years ago in Patagonia. He was about six feet five inches in height.

Though he is now a stone statue, the body bears traces of two deep wounds. It is supposed that the man was killed, and that his body was slowly changed to stone by the action of water charged with lime salts.

**Germany to Tax "Bookies."**

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Berlin, July 19.—According to reports, it is understood that a bill for the taxation of bookmakers on the races, will be brought forward this autumn in the Reichstag.

The details of the proposal are not known, but it is presumed that bookmakers will be compelled to pay a fixed annual sum for a kind of license, the business thus being legally recognized by the state.

**Conversation by Phonograph.**

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, July 19.—A new device for carrying on correspondence by phonograph has been introduced in Paris.

The record is made on a square of prepared cloth, which can be sent through the post in an envelope and is said to reproduce the voice with great accuracy. The cost of a complete outfit, including the machine for both transmitting and receiving messages and a supply of cloth squares is from \$5 to \$6.

**Artist Never Undressed.**

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, July 19.—An inquest at Paddington on an eccentric artist, Alfred Joseph Hoff, sixty-five, who was discovered dead in his room at Bravington Place, the evidence was that he had not undressed for some days.

He spent his time lying on the bed painting pictures, all of which had been sold. He had completed a picture for which he had a commission the last day of his life.

## IS FAVORITE HOSTESS.



MRS. RUTHERFORD STUYVESANT

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, July 19.—There are few American women in Paris who can summon a more brilliant gathering at their homes than Mrs. Rutherford Stuyvesant. The dinner and dancing parties she has been giving of late have been among the most notable affairs of the season. Among the Parisian fashionables who attended one of her latest functions were Prince Aniole d'Orleans, Princess Iseberg Birslein, Princess Eugene Murat, Duchesse de la Rochefoucauld, which the daughter of the late Senator Mitchell of Oregon, and Comte and Comtesse de la Riboisiere.

Mrs. Stuyvesant frowns upon the tango and all its trappings, preferring the old-fashioned cotillions and the waltz. And, despite the great popularity of the "trot," her dances are always crowded, and no one seems to complain of the absence of the bizarre dances.

**BLAZE LEADS TO CAPTURE.**

Escaped Convict Upset Lamp and Flames Destroyed Big Wood.

Stockholm, Sweden, July 19.—An escaped Swedish convict named Anderson reached the island of Mar, near Norrkoping, a few nights ago, where he broke into a government store and helped himself liberally to food and drink.

He went to sleep, and in some way upset a lamp, setting the store on fire. The flames spread to a wood thirty-eight acres in extent, which was destroyed. Police at Norrkoping, whose attention was attracted by the glare, went to the island and captured the convict, who was severely burned.

**FREE DRINKS FOR DEPUTIES.**

Economists Would Abolish Privilege of Italian Solons.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Rome, July 19.—The recent stormy sittings of the Italian Chamber of Deputies have led to increased consumption of liquors, and some economists are endeavoring to abolish free drinks. When a deputy rises to deliver a set oration coffee and iced water are brought him by a messenger.

One of the speaker's neighbors pour him out a cup, and keeps it replenished. There is a buffet in the outer lobby where deputes are supplied gratuitously with beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea, and mineral water, and in hot weather this is well patronized. As, however, the value of the drinks consumed last year by the 200 deputes was barely \$1,000 (of which \$200 went for mineral water) they cannot be accused of excessive drinking.

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**WANTS WOMEN'S VIEWS.**

Success of Books Depends Upon Fair Readers, Says Hall Caine.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
London, July 19.—"If you ask me as an author whose opinion of my books I would rather rest my fortunes upon—yours or your wives—I tell you frankly it's the opinion of your wives," said Hall Caine at a recent dinner of the Associated Booksellers at Torquay.

"If you want to know what the great wide public is going to say about a book, especially a novel, try it on a woman," he added. "I do. I always have done. And when I have had success it has been from women that the first fruit of it has come to me."

**Kisses for Her Fans.**

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, July 19.—"I send you a kiss for the tip of each of your little soft ears," and "if we are not married in a year I will resign myself to bachelorhood. I vow," were phrases in letters written by Phillip Still, a clerk employed by the London County Council, to Miss Edith Emily Protheroe, a dressmaker, of Cornwell. At Swansea Court Miss Protheroe recovered \$250 damages and costs for breach of promise.

**HUSBAND AND WIFE**

IN DOUBLE MURDER

Exchange Revolver Shots After Quarrel—Had Been Separated and He Visited Her.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Paris, July 19.—A husband and wife exchanged revolver shots, with results fatal. Both in the Rue de Gouche late the other night, when M. Grisel, a glass blower, called on his wife, who had left him and was living in her parent's flat.

He went into her bedroom. Suddenly shots rang out. The door was burst open almost immediately, and Mme. Grisel fell forward into the passage dead. The door was shut and locked.

The police came and, entering the room, found M. Grisel dying. The door was two revolvers. Mme. Grisel had fired two shots, her husband one. His shot had inflicted a fatal wound in the neck, but before she fell a bullet from her weapon struck her husband, entering his heart.

**MISSING BRIDEGROOM'S**

MEMORY GONE WHEN HE

IS FOUND IN PARK

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, July 19.—Mr. Frederick Williams, who disappeared from Runcorn on the day fixed for his wedding has been found by members of his family at Carnarvon.

He was sitting alone on a seat on the promenade, and when questioned said he could not remember how he got to Carnarvon. All he could say was that when he left his employer's office in Liverpool he walked a considerable distance and had since slept in the open. He had \$5 in his possession and also a wedding present from his fellow employees, but had no notion who gave him the present. He left with his relatives for Runcorn.

**MILITANTS DESTROY**

\$25,000 RESIDENCE

Mansion in Lancashire Fired by "Arson Squad"—Letter Boxes Tampered With.

London, July 19.—Militant suffragists resumed their votes-for-women warfare today. A mansion at Torrance, in Lancashire, was destroyed by fire, with a loss of \$25,000. The mansion was situated near the ruins of Ballinrain Castle, which was recently burned down by the militants.

At Birmingham several letter boxes were set on fire and destroyed. Footmen were accused of the hands trying to save the contents.

**ASK FRANCE FOR \$1,000,000,000.**

Germany Sue for Restitution of Money Embezzled by Napoleon.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Paris, July 19.—A remarkable petition signed by seventy-four people has just been laid before the French Chamber by M. Georges Berry, a deputy for Paris. It is a claim on the French government for \$1,000,000,000 representing the amount with accrued interest of the fortune of one Jean Thierly, which the legislators allege, was embezzled by Napoleon in 1870 on behalf of the French Directorate, the governing body of France at that time.

The original fortune is said to have amounted to \$200,000,000. The descendants of the first heirs have formed themselves into an association to demand restitution of the money from the French government. "We ask the government," they say in their petition, "to do no more than a simple act of justice." They are, however, prepared to come to an arrangement with the French Cabinet for an equitable settlement.

If the government refuses to meet the claim the German heirs of M. Thierly declare that they will appeal to their government to bring pressure to bear to secure their rights for them.

**Many Hurt in Dock Strike Here.**

Leith, Scotland, July 19.—In a series of fights here today between striking dock workers and soldiers and sailors many persons were badly hurt and thousands of dollars of property damage was done. Over a score of arrests were made.

Sailors from British men of war and armed troops are patrolling the dock district.

**Boiling Beef Kills Boy.**

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, July 19.—A schoolboy, named Hartly, was scalded to death in boiling beer at Dudley recently. His mother had been brewing, and placed the beer in a vat near the back door for cooling. A few minutes later she was horrified to see the child literally swimming in it, and, although she immediately pulled him out, he died after lingering for two hours.

**Rival Suitors Die in Duel.**

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, July 19.—Investigation into the death of two men, one having three bullet holes in his head and the other having two bullet holes and five stab wounds in his body, brought to light a recent duel.

The two were rival suitors, who met each other to decide the possession of a girl.

**The Cat Sparked.**

New London Correspondence New York Herald.

The old theory that the only way to kill a cat for sure is to put it under a pile driver for a week or "sic" a bulldog after it, was vindicated for the 1,375,000th time here today, when Herbert A. Dean, city dog and cat officer, threw an almost good cat into a tank of gas. The tank is one which is kept at the pound to asphyxiate cats and dogs who are under indictment, and it has been useful until today, when it exploded as soon as the cat touched it.

Engineers, who were called in to diagnose the cause, said that it was a case of electric ignition, the current having been furnished by the batteries carried in every cat's back. The carburetion of the gas tank, they said, was especially good and there was no fault to be found with the cat.

Evidently it was a two-cycle cat, and the compression was just right when it was thrown in. There were evidences that the animal's ignition was of the make-and-break type, as there was no trace of carbonization and no magnetism was used. As in the case of any reliable internal combustion engine, the cat simply sparked when the compression was highest, and there was an impulse which cost the city the price of one good gas tank.

This is the third time similar tanks have exploded, every time while they contained a cat. Mr. Dean says that hereafter he will use the tank exclusively for dogs and will try some other sort of treatment for electrified cats.

An ingenious implement has been patented by a Rhode Island inventor to enable a man to tie a knot in cord around a parcel and cut the superfluous cord with one hand.

**QUEEN MARY OF ENGLAND**

Who was deluged with pamphlets advocating suffrage while riding through the streets of London in a motor car.

MEDICAL MEN FROM ALL QUARTERS  
GATHER FOR WORLD CONVENTION

Advance Guard Reaches London for International Congress  
in August—Many American Physicians to Attend.  
King Is Patron—All Subjects to Be Discussed.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
London, July 19.—The advance guard is arriving of the army of 1,500 doctors who will hold a great international Congress here August 9 to 12, inclusive.

They come from all over the world, including the foremost specialists engaged in medical research in universities and laboratories of every civilized country. The early contingent are mostly Americans who have seized the opportunity for extended vacation in England and on the Continent.

The King has given his patronage to the Congress, which will be opened in Albert Hall by Prince Arthur of Connaught. The president is Sir Thomas Barlow.

**Papers by Noted Doctors.**  
There will be twenty-three sessions in all, at which papers will be read and discussions held on subjects embracing the great developments in medicine in recent years. Five set addresses will be delivered in medicine, surgery, pathology, heredity, and public health.

A feature of the program is a new section entitled the "History of Medicine."

There is a full program of social functions, including a hobby party at Windsor Castle, at which 2,000 guests will be present.

**QUEEN MARY ADOPTS**

NEW STYLES IN DRESS

Court Surprised When Her Majesty Appears in Tight Skirt, Cut Short.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
London, July 19.—Queen Mary has not yet appeared in a hobble skirt, but time is broadening her views on dress, and the Queen's newest robe, which is in a Gobel blue cloth, has a tendency to smartness which has not so far characterized her attire.

It has a narrow skirt of fashionable cut, and it is an inch and a half shorter than any of her majesty's other robes, and quite clears the ground. In the court encourage this amazing departure from custom is said to be the result of the trip to Berlin, where Queen Mary found herself less well dressed than the Kaiserin, who, used, years ago, to be regarded as unusually dowdy, until the Kaiser himself started buying his wife's hats and dresses.

The last time the Kaiser was in England he purchased twenty new hats for the Kaiserin in Bond Street, and had them sent off at once to Berlin.

**Twenty-Four Hours on Clock.**  
Paris, July 19.—The clock in the facade of St. Lazare Station is to be the first in Paris to have the newly adopted official numerals of 13 to 24 for the hours after noon.

From 1 a. m. to 12 the figures 1 to 12 will appear on the dial. As noon strikes they will disappear, and by an automatic arrangement the figures 13 to 24 will take their place.

**Killed Grandfather as He Slept.**  
London, July 19.—Harry Blaker, aged seventeen, was found guilty at Hants Assizes of the murder of his grandfather, Frederick Hedges a stevedore, at Southampton, by striking him on the head with a hammer while asleep. He was recommended to mercy on account of his youth and mental deficiency, but sentence of death was passed.

**ENTERTAINED IN PARIS.**

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Paris, July 19.—Ultra-exclusive circles of Paris have been entertaining former Senator and Mrs. Chauncey M. Depew for the past few weeks. Mrs. Depew, who was the charming May Palmer, of New York and Paris, is a Parisian of Paris and one of the most popular women in the French capital.